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National Toxicology Program; Chemicals (7) Nominated for Toxicological Studies; Request for Comments

SUMMARY: On January 13, 1987, the Chemical Evaluation Committee (CEC) of the **National Toxicology Program** (NTP) met to review seven chemicals nominated for toxicology studies and to recommend the types of studies to be performed. With this notice, the NTP solicits public comments on the seven chemicals listed herein.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Victor A. Fung, Chemical Selection Coordinator, **National Toxicology Program**, Room 2B55, Building 31, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 496-3511.

TEXT: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of the chemical selection process of the National Toxicology Program, nominated chemicals which have been reviewed by the NTP Chemical Evaluation Committee (CEC) are published with request for comment in the Federal Register. This is done to encourage active participation by the public in the NTP chemical evaluation process, thereby helping the NTP to make more informed decisions as to whether to select, defer or reject chemicals for toxicology study. Comments and data submitted in response to this request are reviewed and summarized by NTP technical staff, are forwarded to the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors for use in their evaluation of the nominated chemicals, and then to the NTP Executive Committee for its decisionmaking. The NTP chemical selection process is summarized in the Federal Register, April 14, 1981 (46 FR 21828), and also in the NTP FY 1986 *Annual Plan*, pages 201-203.

On January 13, 1987, the CEC met to evaluate seven chemicals nominated to the NTP for toxicological studies. The following table lists the chemicals, their Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry numbers, and the types of toxicological studies recommended by the CEC at the meeting.

Chemical	CAS No.	Committee Recommendation(s)
1. Black Pepper (<i>Piper Nigrum</i> Linn)	--	-- Toxicity evaluation. -- Carcinogenicity.
2. Cholestyramine	11041-12-6	No testing.
3. Divinylbenzene	1321-74-0	-- Chemical disposition. -- Carcinogenicity.
4. 1,3-Diphenylguanidine	102-06-7	Carcinogenicity.
5. Pitch-based Fibrous Graphite	--	Deferred.
6. Sodium Nitrite	7632-00-0	Carcinogenicity testing in rats.
7. 1,3,5-Trichloro-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-(1H,3H,5H)-trione	87-90-1	No testing.

Of the seven chemicals, two have been previously selected for toxicology study by the NTP. Divinylbenzene was nonmutagenic in the *Salmonella* microsomal assay in studies performed by two independent laboratories. 1,3-Diphenylguanidine was weakly positive in the *Salmonella* microsomal assay; a chemical disposition study was also conducted on 1,3-diphenylguanidine.

Interested parties are requested to submit pertinent information. The following types of data are of particular relevance;

- (1) Modes of production, present production levels, and occupational exposure potential.
- (2) Uses and resulting exposure levels, where known.
- (3) Completed, ongoing and/or planned toxicologic testing in the private sector including detailed experimental protocols and results, in the case of completed studies.
- (4) Results of toxicological studies of structurally related compounds.

Please submit all information in writing within thirty days after date of publication to the contact person listed above. Any submissions received after the above date will be accepted and utilized where possible.

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